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Interconnection with Second Member

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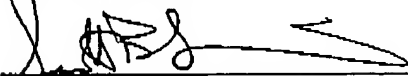
Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed on November 16, 2005, Applicant respectfully confirms the election to claims directed to Species (a) as to the connector and Species (ii) as to the ferrule. These species correspond at least to FIGs. 5, 6, 6B, and 9A as noted by the Examiner.

This election is made **without traverse**. Applicant specifically reserves the right to seek patent protection for non-elected subject matter by divisional application. Claims 1-11 and 13-20 are readable on these Species. With the exception of the withdrawal of claim 12 no amendment to the claims is necessitated by this Election. All remaining claims in the case remain in their originally submitted form but have been appended hereto beginning on Page 2. The undersigned may be reached at: 770-587-8621.

Respectfully submitted,

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